

New York Man Pleads Guilty to Wilmington Homicide

A Queens, NY man has pleaded guilty to a Wilmington homicide. In September 2017, Wilmington Police responded to a shooting and found Allen Melton of Wilmington suffering from gunshots to his torso and legs. Multiple witnesses reported that Sandy Lashley, 31, and a female accomplice, Latesha Favors of Wilmington, started an altercation with Melton's girlfriend on Cedar Street and that when Melton attempted to break up the altercation, Lashley shot him multiple times and fled with Favors. Melton was later pronounced dead at Christiana Hospital. Lashley pleaded guilty to Murder Second Degree and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony and faces sentencing by a Superior Court judge in July. Favors is still wanted by police for her role in the initial physical altercation with Melton's girlfriend. Deputy Attorneys General Cari Chapman and Anna Currier secured Lashley's plea with assistance from paralegals Jaime Prater and Julie Caputo, Special Investigator Cliff Dempsey, social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory, and Wilmington Police Detective Tom Curley.

An anonymous tip about a man with a gun led Dover police to into a foot pursuit, and a Dover man to prison. Abdulwahhab Tillery, 33, pleaded guilty to Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited and Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon in Superior Court. Acting on a tip in November 2018, police used electronic surveillance in the area of Reed Street And South Governors Avenue, and while doing so, saw Tillery go to a trash can, retrieve a gun and hide it in his sweatshirt. When police approached Tillery ran, throwing a 9-mm handgun into a yard in the 100 block of South Governors Avenue as he tried to escape. A judge sentenced Tillery, barred from having a gun because of previous convictions for Drug Dealing and Attempted Robbery First Degree, to 15 years in prison, followed by 6

months of either home confinement or work release then 1 year of probation. Deputy Attorneys General Nicole Hartman and Sean Motoyoshi prosecuted the case.